Cedar Cliff Captures Tip-Off Tournament

by John Middlekauff

If that old saying "turn about is fair play" has any truth to it, then the outcome of the second Northern Girl's Tip-Off Tournament should be no surprise. The Lady Colts jumped out against a mistake-prone Northern team like it was going to run it out of the gym. However, the Lady Bears scratched and clawed their way back into the Championship game, before finally falling 50-44.

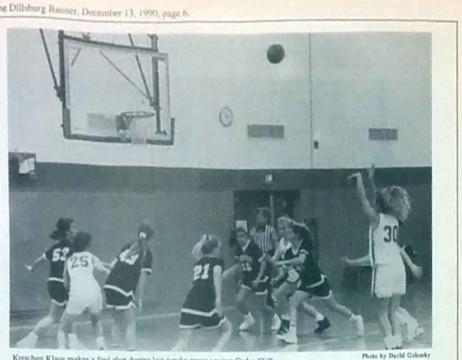
The championship game featured the same two teams who battled for the crown last year - but not the same results. The surprising thing about this game, was the fact that Cedar Cliff, despite the absence of Senior Mary Benner who was injured Thursday night, was able to battle Northern right down the line. But the Lady Colts did have Leigh Detweiler (Jr.), who hit the Bears with 18 points and Stephanie Houser (Soph) who responded with 16. Northern was led by Gretchen Klaus who hit for 22 points (half of her team's output), on her way to being named Tournament M.V.P. Northern also saw Rebecca Fox contribute 10 points, and play very well in this tournament.

Both teams got to the championship game by posting wins over their opponents Thursday night. In the opener, Cedar Cliff got by Dover 70-61 in a game where they almost squandered a 16 point lead. Once again it was a case of too much Detweiler and Houser. Leigh D. scored a big 28 points, while Miss Houser chipped in with 21 points herself. Seemingly out of the game by the end of the third quarter, Dover found new life and outplayed the Lady Colts before finally falling.

In the second game, after playing a rather lethargic first half, Northern roared out of the locker room the second half to demolish Bermudian Springs 51-28. Gretchen once again was the mainstay of the Northern attack garnering 21 points. Northern also got help pointwise and rebound-wise from Junior Sarah Francis and Sophomores Rebecca Fox and Nicole Brillhart.

Start of the season tournaments sometimes can propel teams to championship status by season's end, but more often not they point out the weaknesses that can be worked out before it reaches a disasterous result. The Lady Bears did not play well in this tournament overall. But they have the ability to bounce back-if lessons are learned.

Once again a tip of the hat to the Northern Athletic Department for their sponsorship of this girl's tournament. It is a very worthwhile project, and I hope it does continue for years to come.



Gretchen Klaus makes a foul shot during last weeks game against Cedar Cliff

Photo by David Cehosky

Northern Drops Opener

by John Middlekauff

The 1990-1991 Boys Basketball season has not gotten off the way many, and undoubtedly the team too, felt or hoped it would go. But you can't say it hasn't been interesting.

In the opener Friday night (12/07) against the Bermudian Springs Eagles, the Bears lost a heart stopper in overtime 68-67. That one had to hurt, but then Northern had to turn around the very next night (12/08), tackle Trinity and got clipped 59-46.

Against Bermudian, the game was a "doozie"! As some appreciative, but disappointed fans said, "Anyone here tonight got their money's worth!" Yes, they sure did, and it was quite a crowd that did get their money's worth. It has been some time since the Northern gym has had that kind of crowd and that kind of support for basketball. The student support was absolutely beautiful! Some may complain that it might have been a little off-base in some instances, but they were great. I don't know if it was because there was a dance afterward, or because it was a Friday night, but it was something to behold. I hope it continues.

Back to the game. Northern may have been guilty of letting this one get away but they were up against an scrappy and somewhat undersized Eagle team that just would not go away. The Bears forged ahead 20-17 at the end of the first quarter, but saw Bermudian come back to take a 33-32 lead at half. Back and forth this game went until it reached a rather strange end to regulation play.

Chris Flohr drove to the bucket and scored to give Northern a 63-62 edge. Bermudian came back but couldn't score. As the Bears headed up the court, the Eagles stole the ball and scored giving them a 64-63 lead.

Now took place the strange ending I mentioned earlier. With no time showing on the clock, Bermudian was fouled and as they headed up court, out from the stands raced two very happy supporters! That was a no-no to the game officials who immediately hit Bermudian with a two shot bench technical. As both teams stood by their respective benches, the drama was focused on the foul lines. Bermudian went to the line first shooting a one and one! A successful attempt would have made Northern's technical shots purely academic. The Eagles missed, much to the delight of a screaming crowd. Now it was the Bear's chance, to maybe snatch away a win with two successful shots.

Senior Joe Fox, who played a very fine game got the call. Unfortunately he missed the first, but canned the second to send this one into overtime. The Bears scored the first three points of OT as Bart Mehring hit one of two free throws and Foxy nailed a jumper, but they just could not hold off Bermudian! The Eagles got the final three points to do in the Polar Bears.

Scoring-wise, Northern's big three scored the bulk of points. Fox had 17, Mehring 18, and Flohr 19 in pacing the Bear attack.

Against Trinity on Saturday it may have been too much to ask Northern to regroup against a team that had more players and more height than even the Bears. Trinity coach Larry Kostelac utilized the same theory that Chief Crazy Horse used at the Little Big Horn-keep sending up fresh troops!

The Bears battled the Shamrocks the entire first half and looked at a 28-28 tie at half. But in the second half it was just two much fire power and manpower to overcome. Trinity's backcourt tandem of Walker (21 points) and Montgomery (19) nailed the Bears with their second loss. Of particulate note, not one of the Polar Bears scorers could hit for double figures.

Next time out, Northern will host rival Camp Hill on Tuesday (12/11) to open Division III play for both clubs. The Lions are coming off a horrendous season, and the prospects for this year do not look much brighter. Still you can't count the Lions out, but Northern should get everything together in this one and notch win #1.

Purple Haze

by Chris Flohr

The students this week at NHS were certainly excited about something, but defining the exact cause is difficult.

Early in the week, the first glimpse of winter was clear. Snow flurries swept past Dillsburg. To say the least, it prompted many students to begin talking about skiing, early dismissals, and school cancellations. Obviously, the light dusting couldn't have caused such actualities, but it provided hope of an unexpected day off sometime soon.

The Northern Girls' Tip-Off Tournament provided another social outlet for the students during the week. Our girls won Thursday night, but fell to Cedar Cliff on Saturday to come away with second place. Students at NHS are beginning to turn out for the girls' games in better numbers than ever before. It is good to see the sports at NHS getting equal support of the student body.

The final, and probably most exciting, cause for excitement among students was the home basketball game on Friday night. The gym was packed and the decibel level was said to be the loudest in years. A dance followed the game, which may have attracted some non-sports fans, but no one there could help but get caught up in the electricity.

Even though the guys came up short, they played their hardest. That one night could boost the boys' whole season just because of the excitement coming from the crowd and students.

Congratulations to the wrestling team. This past Saturday they defeated East Pennsboro and tied Milton Hershey in a tri-meet at East Pennsboro. The wrestlers will participate in a tournament in Carlisle on Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15, then host Mechanicsburg in a dual meet on Thursday, December 20.

Good luck to the wrestling team as well as the basketball teams. The guys play Friday, December 14, at West Perry and the December 15 at Red Land. Meanwhile, the girls host West Perry on the 14th and the varsity will travel with the varsity boys to Red Land on the 15th. The respective JV teams will play at home that afternoon beginning at 1 p.m.

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For more information call Pa. Dept. of Aging at 717-783-1549.

Christmas Party will be held at 1 p.m. on December 21, 1990.

Also, the Middle School Christmas Dinner will be held at 1 p.m.- December 18, 1990.

Lifesize butter sculpture exhibit to be unveiled at Farm Show

When the Pennsylvania Farm Show marks its 75th anniversary in 1991, it will also mark the debut of Pennsylvania's first-ever lifesize butter sculpture exhibit.

The four promotion organizations representing Pennsylvania's dairy farmers-the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc., Mid East Advertising Agency, Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association, and the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program-are sponsoring the exhibit as part of their joint dairy promotion efforts at the farm show. The promotion groups chose as the first butter sculpture the likeness of one of Pennsylvania's most famous citizens and one of the nation's most significant statesmen, scientists, and public leaders, Benjamin Franklin.

Ironically, Franklin was born on Milk Street in Boston in 1706, but spent most of his life in Pennsylvania where he stood in the front rank of people who built the United States.

The sculpture will be built on a supporting metal framework and molded from approximately 500 - 600 pounds of real dairy butter.

Famed exhibit slated to "Make Tracks" to York

For more than four decades, those attending the Miniature Railroad Club of York's Annual Open House and Exhibit have come back each year to see what additions have been made. This year, weather permitting, those attending the show on Sunday, December 16th, are in for a BIG surprise. And it isn't even to fit on the club's six scale miles of main line track or its 1/2 scale miles of branch track.

The Club, in an effort to promote railroad crossing safety, has made arrangements for Conrail to bring in its "Operation Lifesaver" mobile exhibit, a 45-foot highway trailer outfitted with working grade crossing lights, computer quizzes, video presentations, posters, photographs, and booklets.

The most popular feature of the exhibit is a video simulation of a grade crossing accident from the locomotive engineer's point of view. In this simulation, a visitor at the exhibit sits at the engineer's control stand, equipped with a throttle, airbrake, speedometer, and horn. Through the "window" (actually a television screen), the "engineer" encounters an automobile at a grade crossing ahead, and, even though train brakes may be applied, watches helplessly as the train and auto collide.

The Miniature Railroad Club of York's 47th Annual Open House and Exhibit continues each Sunday through December 30th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the club building.

Dillsburg Lions Club join Adopt a Highway program

The Dillsburg Lions Club recently joined PennDOT's "Adopt a Highway" program. The program utilizes volunteers to keep a stretch of highway clean in their area. The Dillsburg Lions have adopted Route 194 from the junction of Route 74 to the Franklintown Borough line and Route 74 from US 15 to the Cumberland County Line. On Saturday, December 1, sixteen Lions met at Monaghan Church to see a PennDOT movie explaining the program and safety considerations.

After doning their orange vests, the Lions, trash bags in hand, started their trek along the road. When they were finished, they had filled about 50 garbage bags with liter. The bags were left on the shoulder of the road for later pickup by PennDOT. The club expects to clean the road about 4 times a year. Lion Bill Mullaney is Chairman of the highway program.

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The meeting schedule is as follows: Social-5:30-6:00 p.m.; Dinner-6:00-7:00 p.m.; Program-7:00 p.m. - 7:40 p.m., and the Business Meeting will commence at 7:45 p.m.

Gal Siegel, Executive Director of the Children's Play Room, Inc. of Harrisburg, will be the speaker for the evening.

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